**Scholarships at doctorate and M. Phil in Karnataka**

2160. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scholarships at doctorate and M.Phil levels granted in Karnataka during the last three years, ending on the 31st March, 2007, year-wise and category-wise, and the expenditure incurred by Government thereon, year-wise; and

(b) the allocation made for the State for 2007-08 for the purpose as against total allocation for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) does not have any provision for Scholarship for doing M.Phil/ Ph.D. However, the UGC is providing fellowships under "Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for SC and ST candidates" which was launched in the financial year 2005-06 for pursing M.Phil/Ph.D. The selections were made during the year 2006-07 for both the years 2005-06 and 2006-07. The funding for SC category is being provided by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and for ST category by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. 188 Fellowships have been awarded for SC candidates and 24 for ST candidates in Karnataka during 2005-06 and 2006-07 for which the amount released is Rs.3,32,50,000 and Rs.59,65,000 respectively.

In addition to above, UGC is also providing fellowship to NET qualified Junior Research Fellows to pursue M.Phil/Ph.D. category-wise information in respect of candidates in Karnataka State is indicated below:

| Year | M. Phil | Ph. D. | Male | Female | SC | ST | Grants (Rs.in lakh) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2004-05 | - | 30 | 14 | 16 | 1 | - | 54.53 |
| 2005-06 | - | 29 | 17 | 12 | - | - | 70.00 |
| 2006-07 | - | 29 | 16 | 13 | 3 | - | 149.97 |

(b) State-wise allocation is not made for the scheme.

**Progress of National Institute of Studies, Amritsar**

2161. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of establishing a National Institute of Studies in Sri Guru Granth Sahib at Amritsar, which was announced by the Prime Minister on 2nd September, 2004;

(b) what progress has been made by his Ministry about this project within these three years;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has been approached and the necessary sanctions obtained;

(d) whether the Prime Minister has announced that the Institute would be an autonomous unit, so that inter-faith ideas may be fully achieved;

(e) whether this has been fully under consideration; if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(f) the details of the land required and the concrete proposals received from the Expert Committee constituted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (f) Based on the decision taken earlier to establish the Institute as an autonomous body, a scheme was prepared for inclusion in the Eleventh Plan. It has since been decided to set it up as a centre of Research on Sri Guru Granth Sahib studies in the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Rs. One crore has so far been released for the purpose.

**Guidelines for affiliation to foreign boards**

2162. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the policy guidelines regarding affiliation of Indian and India-based international schools to foreign boards and the permission to foreign teachers;

(b) the number of India based International schools being run in the country, State-wise;

(c) the ratio of Indian and foreign students in such schools; and

(d) the ratio of Indian and foreign teachers in such schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Requests for appointment of foreign teachers in schools in India affiliated to foreign boards (other then schools set up by foreign embassies) are considered on a case-to-case basis from academic angle and are further subject to requisite clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs. For affiliation, schools apply directly to the concerned Boards as per the procedure laid down.

(b) to (d) At present there are about 180 schools in India, which are affiliated to foreign boards. The State-wise distribution of these schools, ratio of Indian and foreign students and ratio of Indian and foreign teachers in such schools are not maintained in this Ministry.

**Higher education institutions in NER**

2163. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of higher education institutions in North Eastern Region, particularly in Sikkim, as on date;